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August 8, 2006

Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency's (RTPA) 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

## No. Description

## 6 State, and Federal Elements

- Amends funding levels for State Highway Operations and Protection Program, collision reduction lump sum.
- Adds National Scenic Byways funding of \$74,333 Scenic Byways funds, and \$20,000 local match for Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway Corridor, 2005 grant CA05-004.

See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP amendment No. 6 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

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The updated programming is for projects in an air quality attainment area that is exempt from the conformity determination requirement. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan, and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. The projects included and submitted by the Shasta County RTPA through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The Shasta County RTPA prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Cathy Gomes, of my staff, at (916) 654-3271.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

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